GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:116
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TERRORISTS ACTIVITIES IN PEER PANJAL HILLS
AVTAR SINGH BHADANA;NIKHIL KUMAR CHOUDHARY

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsitem regarding `dugging of bunkers on the hills of Peer Panjal by terrorists` appearing in the Rashtriya Sahara dated 30th January, 2002;

(b) whether the terrorists are trying to create the Kargil like situations again; and

(c) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Government to ensure that Kargil like situation may not be created?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): The Government is aware of the news item, which is not factually correct. Government has received no reports on the existence of bunkers and similar fortifications occupied by terrorists on the Peer Panjal range to create a Kargil like situation.

(c) Army has instituted a comprehensive surveillance system and adopted a suitable defensive posture to ensure security of our borders and the Line of Control.